

SOCIETY AND ECONOMY AT RISK TO SEA LEVEL RISE

Heavy Industrial Areas • Future Development Areas
Tourism & Coastal Recreation • Residences

Over 17,000 homes in Delaware could be permanently flooded by sea level rise. This will result in increased flood damage costs and increased insurance costs. Septic systems and wells may also stop working properly.



Credit: Delaware Coastal Programs



Up to 25% of lands zoned for heavy industry could be flooded by sea level rise. This will cause damage to facilities and docks, piers and lagoons. It could also release hazardous chemicals from contaminated lands.

Credit: Tony Pratt

Up to 7% of the land designated to meet future development needs are within areas that could be flooded by sea level rise. Most of these areas are within Sussex County.



Credit: Microsoft